

## **Annual General Meeting**

### **Holy Canadian Martyrs Parish**

**November 25, 2018**

The Annual General Meeting, which was held in the parish hall, began at 11:15 a.m. A good number of parishioners were in attendance as was Fr. Ken Forster, OMI, provincial, OMI Lacombe province.

Fr. Tim opened the meeting with prayer.

### **Parish Pastoral Council Report**

Dorothy Wood, chair of the Parish Pastoral Council, made a presentation outlining what had been accomplished by parish council and by the different ministries and committees in the parish in 2018. Parishioners were then invited to comment or ask questions.

#### **Questions and Comments from those in attendance**

Cathy Clifford: The parish should look into ways in which to establish closer links with the St. Rene Goupil and Malagasy communities as well as Kateri Native ministries.

Cathy also suggested that it would be good to follow-up on the joint Lutheran-Roman Catholic study that was held in 2017, and forge closer ties with neighboring Christian churches, including getting together for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in January 2019.

Fr. Ken Forster: Impressed with all that is going on in our parish community. Believes that the brochure distribution to people in the parish's geographical area is a good idea. It helps define us as a missioning parish, will attract people to our doors and draw people in.

Pierre Beemans: Asked about the total amount of money raised by the parish community for our refugee families. An amount in excess of \$100,000 was raised. Pierre expressed gratitude for Dorothy's leadership of the PPC.

Sr. Maureen Killoran: Expressed her thanks for all the parishioners who help out the refugee families that she helps.

Angela Davis: Brochure should emphasize the activities/committees/ministries that people can get involved in.

Paola Ortiz: Suggested partnering more with Immaculata High School, perhaps the students could help our Pastoral Care Committee. The school offers a course on caring for the elderly which several of our youth are currently taking.

Jordan Samara and Chiding Njoku were introduced as new members of PPC

## **Finance Committee report**

Bob Richer, chair of the Finance Committee, presented the parish financial report.

Collections have increased. The parish once again received a one-time donation of approximately \$30,000 in shares. Shares can be donated to the church with no capital gains for the donor. It was mentioned that the announcement at Mass concerning increasing parishioners' weekly donation has seen results.

Bob reviewed the repairs and upgrades that were completed in 2018 and are expected in 2019, the major ones being the roof and the stained glass window behind the altar (at a cost of \$40,000), as well as proceeding with the work on the choir area. A parishioner has donated a sum of money that almost completely covers the cost of the work on the choir area at approximately \$11,000.

Bob Richer is retiring from the Finance Committee after many years. He recognized past and present members of the committee including Bob Brown, Sue Wyatt and Beth MacArthur. He extended thanks to Vince Marsh, our accountant, Joseph Duggan for his detailed reports, Cathy Richer for her many years on the committee, John McCauley for all his time spent meeting with contractors and overseeing projects, John Bouchard who recently joined, Bobby and McE Galbreath for all their work at the parish, Sr. Maureen for all her work with refugee groups in our neighborhood and the Pastoral Team.

The Finance Committee meets 4 times a year and needs new committee members.

## **Constitution**

Three changes have been made to the Constitution: to the number of members (5-9 members), to the term of service, and to the nomination process for committee members.

A motion to accept the proposed changes was put forth by Cathy Clifford and Bobby Galbreath. All in attendance agreed.

Fr. Ken Forster, Fr. Tim and Dorothy signed the new version of the Constitution, dated 2018.

Motion to adjourn: Cathy moved, Rosemarie seconded. Carried. The meeting ended at approximately 12:30 p.m.